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| In re Application of                 | : | <b>Attn: Mail Stop AF</b>    |
| Tadashi SAO et al.                   | : | Patent Art Unit: 3744        |
| Serial No. 10/580,909                | : | Examiner: Mohammad M. Ali    |
| Filed: May 30, 2006                  | : | <b>Confirmation No. 6843</b> |
| For: BRANCHING PIPE JOINT AND AN AIR | : |                              |
| CONDITIONER PROVIDED THEREWITH       | : |                              |

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS  |                                       |                  |   | SMALL ENTITY       |  | OTHER THAN A<br>SMALL ENTITY |          |
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| REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT                               | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |   | ADDIT.<br>RATE FEE |  | ADDIT.<br>RATE FEE           |          |
| TOTAL 22  | - 20                                  | =                | 2 | x 26 = \$          |  | x 52 = \$                    | \$104.00 |
| INDEP 2   | - 3                                   | =                | 0 | x 110 = \$         |  | x 220 = \$                   |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM |                                       |                  |   | + 195 = \$         |  | + 390 = \$                   |          |
|   |                                       |                  |   | TOTAL \$           |  | TOTAL \$                     | 104.00   |

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 22, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-22 are now pending, with claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.